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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REACTION TO VANCE APPOINTMENT

1. JAPANESE REACTIONS TO APPOINTMENT OF CYRUS VANCE AS SECRETARY OF STATE HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY FAVORABLE. NEWS COVERAGE CENTERED ON FACTUAL WIRE SERVICE REPORTS; NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW WITH VANCE WAS SUMMARIZED IN MOST NEWSPAPERS--EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN MINIMAL, BUT ENGLISH LANGUAGE JAPAN TIMES CHARACTERIZED CHOICE OF "SEASONED PROFESSIONAL" AS "SOUND JUDGMENT" ON PRESIDENT-ELECT'S PART.

2. IN STATMENT TO JAPANESE PRESS, FONOFF SPOKESMAN OBSERVED APPOINTMENT HAD NOT BEEN "SURPRISE" TOGOJ AS VANCE HAD BEEN FREQUENTLY MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE NOMINEE. SPOKESMAN NOTED VANCE'S "SKILL AND EXPERIENCE" IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

3. PRIVATE COMMENTS BY FONOFF OFFICIALS PARALLELED PUBLIC REACTIONS, WELCOMING CHOICE OF "PROVEN DIPLOMAT AND NEGOTIATOR" AS NEXT SECRETARY.  
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